

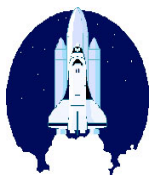


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## Endeavour's return to KSC extended to Sunday



◆ **Mission Update:** Mission Control informed astronauts aboard space shuttle Endeavour and the International Space Station on Monday that the

Mission Management Team is extending the STS-126 mission by one additional day. Undocking now will occur Friday and landing on Sunday will be approximately 1:18 p.m.

◆ **ELV Update:** Blanket preparations and edge taping on the Orbiting Carbon Observatory, or OCO, spacecraft at Vandenberg AFB were completed and final closeouts began Nov. 19. Mechanical preparations and work on the electronic ground support equipment were completed Friday. A protective covering was placed around the spacecraft.

■ **Leadership Program Develops KSC Web-based Initiative for Communicating Capabilities** — Known as KWICC, the 2008 NASA FIRST Leadership Program participants from KSC have produced a wiki database to catalogue the technical capabilities of the center and to educate employees about them. The wiki can be accessed at <http://wiki.ksc.nasa.gov/kwicc>. The site includes a brief tutorial on how to utilize the wiki, as well as a robust search engine. If you have any questions, please e-mail the FIRST participants at [KSC-NASA-FIRST-Leadership-Program@nasa.gov](mailto:KSC-NASA-FIRST-Leadership-Program@nasa.gov).

■ **KSC Holiday Coffee Is Dec. 5** — Enjoy refreshments with your friends and co-workers. All civil service and contrac-

tor KSC employees are invited to attend the Dec. 5 Holiday Coffee at one of the following locations: the O&C Bldg. Mission Briefing Room, 8:30-10 a.m., or the OSB II 5th Floor Conference Room, 1:30-3 p.m. On Dec. 4, refreshments will be provided for second and third shift employees and management in the OSB I Lobby from 10 p.m. – midnight, compliments of NASA Senior Management.

### ■ Ideas for Salvation Army Christmas Stockings —

- **0-1:** Teething ring, baby rattle, socks, stuffed toys, baby shampoo, baby lotion, baby powder, baby wipes, cup.
- **2-3:** *Girls* – toothbrush, toothpaste, socks, underwear, bows, small toy, coloring book, crayons.  
*Boys* – toothbrush, toothpaste, socks, underwear, crayons, coloring book, small toy, small ball.
- **4-6:** *Girls* – toothbrush, toothpaste, socks, underwear, bows/barrettes, crayons, coloring book, small doll.  
*Boys* – toothbrush, toothpaste, socks, underwear, cap, crayons, coloring book, action figures, toy.
- **7-9:** *Girls or Boys* – toothbrush, toothpaste, socks, underwear, pencils, fun pads, rulers, markers, notebook paper, tissues, wallets, combs/brushes.
- **10-12:** *Girls or Boys* – toothbrush, toothpaste, socks, underwear, circle/crossword puzzles, ball cards, markers, notebook paper, nail polish, chap stick/lip gloss, tissues, wallets, combs/brushes.
- **13-16:** *Girls or Boys* – toothbrush, toothpaste, socks, circle/crossword

puzzles, markers, notebook paper, nail polish, chap stick/lip gloss, tissues, wallets, combs/brushes.

■ **Did You Know ?** KSC's Mixed Office Paper Recycling Program accepts a variety of paper products. Acceptable items include:

- White and colored bond paper
- Post-It® notes
- Manila and colored file folders
- Notebook paper
- Adding machine paper
- Computer paper (green bars)
- Business cards
- All envelopes (including windows)
- Stationary (with or without colored ink/letterhead)
- KSC Bulletins, *Spaceport News*, and other noncoated newsletters
- Fax paper (plain paper or thermal)

Please place these materials in the mixed office paper recycling containers. Stapled and paper-clipped materials also are acceptable, but please remove the clips, if possible. If you take containers into your office areas, please remember to return the containers to the location in which they are normally serviced.

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